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LETTER CERTIFYING EARLIER FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 10, 2004

Sir:

On May 4, 2004, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the matter of the present application. Because Applicants had not associated the Notice Of Allowance which issued on April 30, 2004 with the present application, Applicants did not utilize the proper form for filing the Information Disclosure Statement and did not provide a proper certification under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) relating to the same.

Accordingly, since Applicants have now become aware of the issuance of the Notice Of Allowance prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement on May 4, 2004, Applicants hereby

submit that the statement previously filed meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e). More particularly, the undersigned certifies and states that each item of information contained in the IDS filed on May 4, 2004 was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office and a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said IDS.

In support of the above statement of certification, Applicants note that they provided an English translation of the Chinese Office Action issuing on March 5, 2004, which cited for the first time US 5,006,631 of Kawabe et al. which was filed with the May 4, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

Accordingly, based upon the above considerations, and the fact that Applicants previously paid \$180.00 to have the earlier filed Information Disclosure Statement considered, it is submitted that proper consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, and the U.S. patent cited therein is appropriate at present.

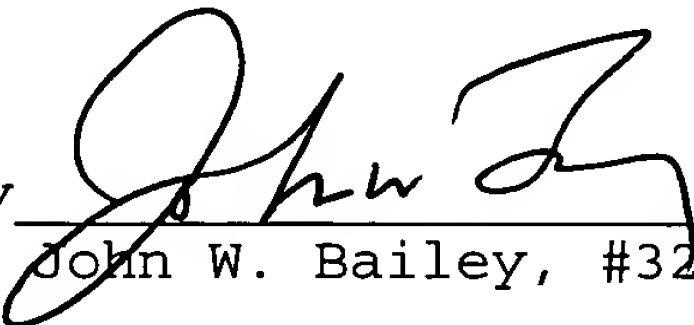
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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